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CONVERSATION AT THE CROSSROADS!

For the past dozen years, it has been my privilege to serve as president of this great institution. As we move forward into a new academic year, I am confident that Gettysburg Seminary will continue leading the way in so many arenas of theological education and churchly service. This oldest and most historic Lutheran seminary in the Americas is young at heart! We believe that God calls us to become an even richer, more ecumenical and more diverse community of scholars and church leaders in the years ahead. We can only do so as women and men who sense the Spirit's stirring and hear God's calling come to join us here on Seminary Ridge. This catalogue is in your hands or on your computer screen because we believe you may be one of them!

As the Seminary clarified our mission as a school of the Church for the 21st century, we declared that what we are about is bearing witness at the crossroads of history and hope. The most important conversation here at the crossroads is the holy conversation of worship. Soaring high above everything else for miles around is the steeple of the Church of the Abiding Presence. On a daily basis, we enter the divine conversation as we hear God's word and answer with our praise and prayers at worship.

Leadership in Christ's church requires keen minds as well as warm hearts. The Seminary, therefore, is also a community engaged in multiple never-ending classroom conversations. This is a rigorous academic institution where standards of excellence in scholarship are upheld by a first-rate faculty. Here in the classrooms, library, computer labs and coffee shop, we engage in conversation with the comprehensive intellectual traditions of the faith.

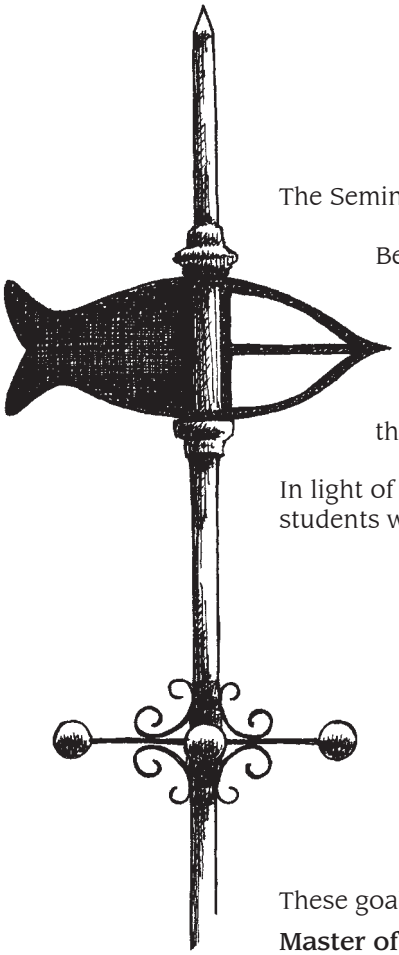
Firmly grounded in Scripture, we also learn from the great theologians of the ages, with particular focus on the Lutheran confessional witness. We are known for our integrative approach to theological education rooted in a pedagogy of praxis - the continual interplay of active ministry engagement and critical reflection.

Then too, in keeping with the Gettysburg tradition, we are a community in prophetic conversation with the world. Through our partnerships in the Washington Consortium, Eastern Cluster of Lutheran Seminaries and other joint ventures, we learn and grow and contribute to the broader ecumenical conversation. Likewise, in many settings, we are in dialogue with distinguished alumni and other special guests who serve as public theologians of the Church, offering their witness as pastors and other rostered leaders, or as laity engaged in the ministry of the baptized. We are constantly enriched as we learn from those who serve throughout this nation and around the globe in congregations, social ministry organizations, and chaplaincies amidst diverse contexts.

The aim of this continuing holy conversation goes beyond just talking. Here we are about doing ministry, engaging with the world, and growing strong and courageous outreach-focused mission leaders for the Church of the 21st century. Whether you the reader are a prospective student considering the "Gettysburg experience," a current student pondering your next registration selections, or a rostered or lay leader contemplating some continuing education, this catalogue can serve as a discussion-starter. Many folks here - our staff, faculty members, the Dean and I - are eager to help you learn more about us. From the crossroads where you too will find yours a welcome voice, I bid you come to the conversation!

The Rev. Michael L. Cooper-White, D.D.
President

VISION STATEMENT



The Seminary's Vision Statement provides a foundation for all of its programs.

Bearing witness at the crossroads of history and hope,
the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg
proclaims Jesus Christ to a restless world
by preparing students for faithful discipleship.
As we listen to God's Word in community,
the Holy Spirit empowers us to lead in church and world
through worship, education, service and encouragement.

In light of this vision statement, the Seminary's degree programs prepare students who are:

- Faithful disciples able to proclaim and embody Jesus Christ to a restless world through the context of various Christian communities.
- Articulate theologians sustained by their knowledge of the faith tradition and equipped to integrate programmatic opportunities for theological reflection and practice.
- Vocationally equipped to lead, learn and witness in church and world.

These goals form the basis for the following degree programs at the Seminary:

Master of Divinity (M.Div.) with concentrations in Theology and Public Life, Town and Country Church Ministry and Youth and Young Adult Ministry;

Master of Arts in Ministerial Studies (M.A.M.S.) with specializations in Christian Education and Diaconal Ministry;

Master of Arts in Religion (M.A.R.) and
Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.)

The Seminary also educates laity in theological reflection and for Christian service and provides programs of lifelong learning for rostered and lay leaders.

The Eastern Cluster of Lutheran Seminaries cooperates in a program leading to the Doctor of Ministry degree.